THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S.ANANDA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No : 17909 of 2005

Dated: 12-08-2005

Between:

M. Sri Hari S/o. Narayana

Aged about 20 years, Occ: Student of

Parameswari College of Para Medical Sciences,

Ongole, R/o. Vemulapadu, Prakasam District and others.

… Petitioners

AND

The Depot Manager, A.P.S.R.T.C.

Ongole, Prakasam District and another.

… Respondents

ORDER:

This writ petition is filed by the petitioners, who are stated to be the students of Para Medical Sciences, studying at Ongole and Chirala. Their grievance is that the respondent Corporation is not issuing the concessional bus passes and therefore, they have come up with the present writ petition.

At the time of hearing, it is represented by the learned counsel for the petitioners that with reference to the similar issue, this Court passed an order in W.P.No.15899 of 2003, dated 03-11-2004 in the following terms.

> "Under the circumstances, the Writ Petitions are disposed of with a direction that the petitioners – students

> and similarly situate students shall be extended the benefit of scholarships for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes and they shall also be issued concessional bus and railway passes in accordance with their respective rules and regulations without reference to the stipulations made by the Intermediate Board in respect of these two benefits while granting recognition. If any applications are already pending before the authorities for extension of these benefits, the same shall be considered in accordance with the rules and regulations."

However, at the time of hearing, the learned counsel for the petitioners further referred to the provisions of the Corporation to the concessional route bus passes to the students above 12 years of age in the mufisil areas. As per the said concessional scheme, the students above 12 years of age studying in various schools/colleges, higher educational institutions, technical institutions including I.T.I. which are of Government or recognized by the Government of A.P. or Central Government or Government Board or affiliated to any university, are entitled for obtaining monthly route bus passes for travel by buses operated in mufisil areas. In the light of the above scheme of the Corporation, the petitioners are entitled for the bus passes.

Learned Standing Counsel, however, represented that in the light of the orders passed by this Court referred to earlier, the claims of the students are being considered and bus passes are being issued by the Corporation and, therefore, he sought for passing of the same order.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners as well as the learned Standing Counsel for the Corporation and considered the material available on record.

As per the scheme of the Corporation referred to above and as per the proceedings of the Government where the Government had recognized the institute of Para Medical Sciences where the petitioners are studying, they are entitled for the passes as claimed under this concessional scheme.

Accordingly the respondents are directed to consider the claim of the petitioners and issue concessional bus passes in the light of the scheme and the orders passed by this Court.

The Writ Petition is accordingly disposed of. No order as to costs.

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S. ANANDA REDDY, J

Dated: 12-08-2005

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